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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 18 August 1954

PRESENT: General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Houston, Kirkpatrick, Sheldon, Helms

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General Cabell:

a. Noted a news item that the Chinese Communists had refused an International Red Cross offer of food for the flood victims and stated that he would discuss this at the OCB today.

b. Mentioned that Congressman Teague had mentioned claims by Congressman [REDACTED] of certain activities with OSS during the war. General Cabell said that we could find no record of such activities and had advised Teague to this effect, but that the Agency had no interest in exposing [REDACTED]

c. Mentioned Mr. Robert Murphy's reply to our memorandum regarding exploitation of social contacts with Soviet officials. Mr. Murphy had recommended that the IADC make a study of this matter. General Cabell stated that he believed we should not "fight the problem" but to get the IADC to make such a study.

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i. Remarked that many papers produced by CIA expressed quantities in foreign units such as rubles and hectares and requested that these be converted to American units. Mr. Sheldon undertook to accomplish this.

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k. Read a memorandum from General Cutler regarding a study on "U. S. Policy for the Exploitation of Soviet Vulnerabilities" which stated that CIA would prepare a list of vulnerabilities and requesting CIA to nominate a representative to a Committee to consider this list. Mr. Sheldon stated that the list would be ready by 2 September and it was decided to nominate Mr. Richard Bissell as our representative, with an alternate to be designated by Bissell.

l. Mentioned a conversation with the Special Study Group which indicated a feeling on their part that the Agency was insecure in its dealings with the press. It was decided to prepare a draft of a regulation designed to correct this and have it ready for Mr. Dulles' approval upon his return. DD/A will coordinate the work on this. 5-12/ptb✓

Mr. Wisner:

a. Referred to an exchange of cables between Headquarters and [redacted] regarding provocation. DD/P asked if General Cabell wanted all replies cleared with him (General Cabell). The General replied that he would accept DD/P's judgment in this matter. 25X1

b. Referred to a briefing he had given the Special Study Group and mentioned their interest in the question of hurdles and obstacles placed in the way of CIA by other organizations of the government. Mr. Wisner expressed the hope that the Group would use wisely the information it obtained.

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Mr. Houston:

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Reported that Mr. Sheldon had briefed Senator Ellender before the Senator took a trip to certain Iron Curtain countries.

b. Mr. Sourwine of the Jenner Committee asked for information on 11 clergymen. It was decided that Mr. Sourwine be informed that such information should have been obtained from the Department of State or the NSC.

Mr. Sheldon:

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